Evcoes Turn Back Halecos, 2-1 In Pacific Coast Soccer Debut

By LARRY ROSE

Victoria's lightly-regarded Evcoes made their return to the Pacific Coast Soccer League a triumphant one Saturday afternoon at MacDonald Park by turning back Vancouver Halecos 2-1 before 1,000 fans.

Centre-forward Billy Abbott made Evcoes' winning debut possible with a pretty goal six minutes from full time.

Substitute forward George Paul provided the game-winning opening with a perfectly-placed kick deep into the Halecos' penalty area. Halecos' rookie goaltender, Gordon Jackson, gambled and lost in racing Abbott to the loose ball.

Abbott jostled Jackson, forcing the latter to lose control of the ball, and neatly sidestepped the wandering goalie before tapping the winning goal into an unguarded net.

Abbott's goal was almost identical to Evcoes' first effort, scored in the opening half by outside-right Henry Vanderhorst.

CLASSY PHILLEY

Classy Brian Philley scored the lone Haleco goal with 10 minutes remaining in the first half to force a 1-1 tie at the intermission.

Neither club displayed anything that resembled a polished attack, but nevertheless Victoria's return to the PCSL after a three-year absence was an impressive one.

Evcoes' goalie Al Davies came up with many fine saves during the first 60 minutes during which time his obviously-nervous mates slowly found their footing in the fast company.

CAUTIOUS HALF

Despite a cautious opening half, Victoria drew first blood at the seven-minute mark when Vanderhorst scored from the goalmouth with Jackson sprawled 15 feet in front of his net.

Antol Major had lofted a high kick towards the Halco goal that Jackson, just out of junior ranks, attempted to take on the short hop.

Halecos pressed relentlessly during the early stages of the second half but could not beat Davies.

Then Evcoes surged to the attack. Veteran Ced Robb, who entered the game at midway through the final half, carried most of the play. Minutes before Abbott's goal, Robb had forced Jackson to come up with a brilliant save off a header.

HALECOS RALLY

Evcoes managed to stave off a Haleco rally with fullbacks Bernie Tyson and Ron Jenkin clearing timely in the final minutes.

Coach Willie Hamilton was all smiles following the game. "We've a lot of kinks to iron out before our next game, but we've got the confidence now and should be able to hold our own in this league," said Hamilton.

Evcoes' next game will take place at Macdonald Park Saturday with Labattts the visitors.

LINEUPS

Halecos—Gordon Jackson; Terry McKibbon, Logan Tait; Bruce Maxwell, Graziano Franzon, Jackie Steele; Tony Canta, Brian Philley, Neil McEachnie, Ken Smith, John Clifford. Subs—Pat Garrett, Joe Arden, Don Boyd.

Evcoes—Al Davies; Bernie Tyson, Ron Jenkin; George Guckel, Harry Carruthers, Harold Holroyd; Henry Vanderhorst, George Wright, Bill Abbott, Antol Major, Ken Hibbert. Subs—Pete Moran, Ernie Eastlake, Ced Robb, George Paul, Volker Stoldt.

ERNIE KETCHAM
. . . 20 years later.

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Chinooks Win Cage Crown

OTTAWA (CP) — Southern Alberta Chinooks defeated Ottawa Fellers 81-72 Saturday night to take the Canadian senior "A" basketball championship. The Chinooks won the best-of-five final series 3-2.

Al West led the winners with 19 points, followed by Tom Karren with 16 points, and Larry West with 15.

The Lethbridge club now will form the nucleus of the team that will represent Canada in the Pan-American Games at Chicago next year.

Wandering Goalie in Action

Typical action during Saturday's Pacific Coast Soccer League opener is shown here as Vancouver Halecos' wandering goalie, Gordon Jackson, strays far from his net to give his fellow-defenders added protection. Pictured from left to right are Terry McKibbon, Halecos; Jackson, Billy Abbott, Evcoes, and Graziano Franzon, Halecoes. Victoria won the game 2-1 at Macdonald Park with Abbott scoring the winning goal.—(Colonist photo)

Empress Tournament Over

Golf Titles 20 Years Apart For Seattle's Ernie Ketcham

By JIM TAYLOR

After many attempts and several near-misses, Ernie Ketchum finally won his second Empress Golf Tournament yesterday—20 years almost to the day since he first walked off with the Sir Edward Beatty Trophy.

The Seattle golfer, who won the Empress tourney in 1939, toured Victoria Golf Club in near-par figures yesterday for a 4 and 3 victory over Boysie Bryan of Calgary, beaten in the final for the second time in three years.

Ketchum fashioned yesterday's win chiefly through sheer power. Although he was two down after four holes, he consistently out-drove his Calgary opponent, and gradually that extra power began to make itself felt.

Bryan, who had the advantage of five strokes under the handicap system, made a game stand in his bid for the title. But his early lead had evaporated at the turn, and as he grew weary Ketchum grew stronger.

Bryan, who had to go 21 and 23 holes in two of his preliminary matches this week, admitted ruefully after yesterday's match that he was tired, shrugging it off with the observation that "when you start to get grey on top, it gets a little tougher as you go along."

In Ketcham, he ran into a cool and methodical tiger. Time after time the Seattle veteran would step up to the tee, carefully lay his pipe on the grass next to him, and belt his drive 200 yards or more to grab the advantage at the start of almost every hole.

Ketcham really turned on the pressure after the turn. With the match all square, he strung together a birdie, a par, a bogey six, and two more pars to go four up, then finished off the match by sinking a 15-foot putt on the 15th green.

Bryan had sprinted out to a good early lead. After Ketcham won the first hole with a birdie four, Bryan came back with a birdie two on the second, won the third when Ketcham drove out of bounds for a two-stroke penalty, and chipped in from far out for a birdie three on the fourth to go two up.

Ketcham squared the match with par threes on the seventh and eighth holes, and was never threatened.

Flight results follow:

FIRST FLIGHT — A. W. Ockwell, Vancouver won from J. H. Robertson, Calgary 2 up.

SECOND FLIGHT—G. R. Gardner, Calgary, won from W. F. Munro, Victoria at 20th.

THIRD FLIGHT—J. Fiorito, Seattle, won from Dr. R. Friedrick, Seattle 3 and 2.

FOURTH FLIGHT—F. E. Shafer, Salem, won from Dr. D. E. McAlpine, Regina 1 up.

FIFTH FLIGHT—G. T. Barnett, Medina, won from Ed Klippert, Salem 2 and 1.

SIXTH FLIGHT—J. Dabbs, Camrose, won from M. W. Cozart, Calgary 3 and 2.

SEVENTH FLIGHT—W. H. Rice, Winnipeg, won from C. E. McLeod, Vancouver 1 up.

EIGHTH FLIGHT—M. E. Hurlbutt, Vancouver, Wash. won from F. F. Patterson, Seattle 2 up.

NINTH FLIGHT—J. A. Scrymgeour, Calgary, won from R. H. Thompson, Victoria 3 and 2.

Arnie Blows But Leading Houston Golf

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Arnold Palmer lost a four-stroke lead with four big bogies on the back nine Saturday, but fashioned a beautiful chip shot onto the final green to rescue a third-round 71 and a one-stroke lead over Freddie Haas in the $30,000 Houston golf classic.

Tied at 207 were Jay Hebert, Sanford, Fla., and Jack Burke, Jr., a Houston native playing out of Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. Cary Middlecoff, the only two-time winner here, took a bogie on the eighteenth green for a 208.

Tied at 209 were Julius Boros, Mid Pines, N.C., and Bob Rosburg, Palo Alto, Calif.

Remember When:

A record NHL crowd of 16,218 fans saw the Toronto Maple Leafs complete a story-book comeback with a 3-1 victory over Detroit Red Wings in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup final 17 years ago last night at Toronto. Happy Day was coach of that Leaf team which lost the first three games and then won four straight.

NO SALE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI) —A movie company offered Harvard and Yale $25,000 for exclusive rights to film their 1922 football game, but one stipulation ended negotiations. The game had to be played on a field 55 yards long—the scope of the cameras.

Ron Mecredy Leads Shoot

Ron Mecredy of Canadian Scottish won the weekend Vancouver Island Rifle Association shoot at Heal's Range Saturday, posting rounds of 50x50 and 47x50 for a score of 97.

Second was Sgt. Frank Drysdale, also of Canadian Scottish, with rounds of 48x50 and 46x50 for a score of 94. Third place went to Lieut. Ed Nicholson of Canadian Scottish with rounds of 48x50 and 45x50 and a score of 93.

England's Soccer Victory Not Outstanding Success

(England scored a 1-0 victory over Scotland recently in international soccer play. Here's former Daily Colonist sports writer Ian Glenday's views on the game. He currently is on an extended tour of Great Britain and the Continent.)

By IAN GLENDAY

LONDON — England's football selectors, cautiously and sometimes timidly laying the groundwork in a long-term plan to establish England as a top-rate challenger for the World Cup championships in 1960, must have watched last Saturday's important International against Scotland with mixed feeling.

Most of them no doubt were pleased, and with good reason, as a result of England's 1-0 victory before the usual excited Wembley crowd of 100,000, which included thousands of colorfully-clad and enthusiastic Scotsmen who took London by storm earlier in the day.

Yet this one-goal triumph was not an outstanding success inasmuch as the problems that have beset England in International matches this season showed up again Saturday, and the selectors must get down to some more serious thinking in an effort to clear up the faults.

Certainly no one can deny that England's victory was not earned. But on the day's play and against a Scottish team that was decidedly off the mark it was not to England's credit that the margin of victory was only one goal. And the biggest problem, indeed one that has plagued England in every International this season with the exception of the 5-0 win over Russia, facing the selectors was the lack of scoring punch.

POOR FINISHING

England's "new" attack featuring the inside combination of Johnny Haynes, Bobby Charlton and Peter Broadbent, three of the finest forwards in the game today, failed to provide the punch expected of such a talented and goal-minded trio. And although England did most of the constructive attacking and had the stout Scottish defensive bewildered at times with speed and deception, the finishing was atrocious and the forwards generally were unwilling to shoot.

Charlton, 21-year-old Manchester United forward who many felt "came of age" against Scotland, scored the only goal with a brilliantly-timed and placed header from a perfect cross by outside left Holden. But that was the only time that England could put the finish to an attacking move although her forwards made many openings which should have led to clean shots or goal and possibly a score.

England still appeared weak on the wing, with Douglas still not in International form and Holden playing adequately, but by no means brilliantly. It was left then for the Haynes-Charlton-Broadbent combination to carry much of the load and it was Charlton who did the most damage with his deception, his agility and his ability to be in the right place at the right time.

Haynes, Charlton and Broadbent, all young and talented, have the makings to form a destructive England attack and it is to be hoped that the selectors will give them a chance to play together and to become accustomed to their individual styles in future Internationals. No fault could be found with England's defence which was anchored by that dean of centre-halfs, Billy Wright, making his 100th International appearance.

WRIGHT'S DAY

It was really Wright's day and he didn't let his many admirers down. He was always the rock of England's defence, acting as the liaison between defence and attack and he had brilliant support from the men behind him. Seldom has a footballer been given such a warm-hearted reception as Wright was given at Wembley.

Certainly his record has been unmatched in the history of the sport and it will probably stand for many years. It was Wright's 25th appearance at Wembley, his 85th International match as captain; he hasn't missed a home championship match since 1950; he has played against 26 countries, and England has marked up 58 victories and 22 draws while he has been in the lineup.

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New Westminster Stumbles In Opener with Carlings

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Canadian champion New Westminster Royals started off on the wrong foot in their quest for a second straight championship Saturday, bowing 3-1 to Carlings in the Pacific Coast League soccer opener here.

Gord McLeod, Bob Smith and Norm McLeod on a penalty scored the goals which gave Carlings the victory while Art Hughes scored the Royals' only goal. It was 1-0 for Carlings at the end of the goals in the late stages of the second half.

Both sides started slowly and nervously before an opening day attendance of more than 2,000 and a television audience.

Royals controlled the early play and were unlucky not to go ahead when both Art Hughes and Harry Price shot straight at goalie Fred Briscoe with the whole goal at their mercy.

At the other end Carlings inside right Jim Lundell was inches wide with a hard drive after outside left Ian Wilson had sent over a perfect pass.

Royals pressed throughout most of the first half but could make little headway against the stern tackling of Carlings' defensive trio of George Young, Frank Noga and Ben Hackman.

It was against the run of play when Carlings went ahead in the last minute of the first half, Gordie McLeod getting a toe on the ball to deflect it past Royals' goalie Ken Pears in a goalmouth scramble.

CAME BACK

Carlings came back more strongly in the second half with the ball in the Westminster end of the field for long stretches. It was little surprise when they went further ahead after 77 minutes with a picture goal by substitute outside left Bob Smith.

New Westminster forced the pressure immediately and were rewarded with a goal two minutes later. On an indirect free kick Price tipped the ball to Hughes who flashed a bullet drive into the net.

With four minutes remaining Carlings went further ahead when they were awarded a penalty kick by referee Dan Kulai for hands against wing-half Bob Lewis. Norm McLeod took the spot kick and crashed the ball well wide of Pears.

LINEUPS

New Westminuster—Goal, Pears; fullbacks, Stothard, MacKey; halfbacks, Lewis, McKenzie, Paton; forwards, Crosson, Price, Hughes, Bak, Bennett; subs, Cowie, Schultz, Chalmers, Miller, Graham, Green, Grant.

Carlings — Goal, Briscoe; fullbacks, Noga, Hackman; halfbacks, B. Smith, Young, Fraser; forwards, G. McLeod, Lundell, Nosella, N. McLeod, I. Wilson; subs, Bogdanovich, Ion, J. Wilson, B. Smith, McLaren, Keeley, Cowan.

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Annual Meeting Important

Western League Looks South

By JIM PEACOCK

SEATTLE (CP)—Franchise applications from Los Angeles and San Francisco will have some obstacles to overcome when they come up Monday and Tuesday at the Western Hockey League's annual meeting here.

But they are expected to get approval in a move that likely will see the league's prairie representation cut from the present four to two—leaving Calgary and Edmonton the only WHL centres east of the Rockies.

Speculation on the eve of the two-day meeting was for a move of Saskatoon Quakers to Los Angeles, where a new 17,000-seat arena has just been completed, and of Winnipeg Warriors to San Francisco, where the Cow Palace is to be equipped with an ice plant if a franchise is granted.

Main obstacle in the way of the California cities rejoining the WHL after an absence of 10 years is one of financing travelling expenses of other clubs in the California trips.

League president Al Leader has said that some form of travel subsidization by Los Angeles and San Francisco will be necessary to overcome objections from several of the present league members.

COULD END COUGARS

Victoria Cougars, after suffering another in a string of financially-losing seasons, said last week that unfavorable arrangements for travel-cost sharing in event the California cities are admitted could knock them out of the circuit.

Some argument also is expected over who is to get the Los Angeles spot. Jim Piggott, wealthy owner of Saskatoon Quakers, and Jack G. Dempsey, a Los Angeles businessman — not the one-time boxing champion—have entered bids.

Dempsey is reported to represent the interests of Eddie Shore, owner of Springfield Indians of the American League, and Shore has some support in certain WHL quarters.

Piggott, however, is favored.

ONLY APPLICANT

Winnipeg operator Jack Perrin is believed the only applicant for the San Francisco location, which carried with it a $125,000 hitch—cost of putting the ice plant into the Cow Palace.

Perrin said last month that he was considering moving his club to San Francisco if a new financial agreement couldn't be worked out with the operators of the 9,000-seat Winnipeg area.

Last Thursday, the rink operators rejected the request for lower rental. Coupled with the uneconomic travelling distance from Calgary and Edmonton to Winnipeg without the intermediate stop at Saskatoon, this strengthens the possibility of Perrin moving to San Francisco.

San Francisco and Los Angeles were part of the Western League when it first turned professional as the Pacific Coast League in 1948, but inadequate facilities there and elsewhere in the southern section of the league forced their withdrawal after the 1949-50 season.

Their return is expected to be followed in the 1960-61 season by the return of Portland which will have a new 12,000-seat rink by that time. It is expected the New Westminster franchise will be transferred to the Oregon city.

If Los Angeles and San Francisco replace Saskatoon and Winnipeg in the nine-team circuit for next year, a realignment will be necessary.

This might put Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria in a northern section; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane and New Westminster—until the franchise is moved to Portland—in a southern division.

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